

5. INTERNATIONAL WATERCOLOUR BIENNIAL CASTRA 2023

V. mednarodni festival akvarela
V. International Watercolour Festival

Castra 2023

Ajdovščina, Slovenia

26. avgust - 7. oktober

August 26th - October 7th



EXHIBITION:

- Date of the exhibition: August 26th to October 7th (41 days);
- Opening ceremony and award issuing: August 26th (Saturday);
- Traditional international 2-day watercolour plain air: August 25th and 28th (Friday & Saturday).

WATERCOLOUR:

- Topic: landscape, people, city, abstract, still life;
- **Without passepartout and without frames;**
- maximum 2 years old (from 2021);
- format: minimum 21 x 29.7 cm (8.3 x 11.7 in), maximum 50 x 70 cm (19.7 x 27.6 in).
- One watercolour artist can participate with maximum 4 artworks.

PART 1

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

- The watercolour artist can apply by sending photos of a maximum 4 artworks to iws.slovenia@gmail.com;
- The professional art committee will inform the selected authors on April 16th;
- The jury will inform the selection on April 24th;
- All selected artists will receive an e-mail with detailed instructions about how to send the original watercolour and pay the participation fee.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING DIGITAL PHOTOS OF YOUR WATERCOLOURS:

- Format: .jpg / .jpeg;
- Size: between 2 M pixels and 3 M pixels;
- Resolution: 300 dpi;
- Title: **Name and Surname – Country – Title – Year – Size – Price;**
- The watercolour artwork must be unframed.
- Your digital photo will appear in the catalogue so please, send us the best quality photo!

PART 2

PARTICIPATION FEE:

- You only pay if you are informed that your artworks were selected for the exhibition.
- Payment deadline: June 10th;
- If you want to receive the catalogue in digital form, the participation fee is the following:
 - citizens from EU **70 EUR**,
 - citizens outside EU **80 EUR**.
- If you want to receive the catalogue in printed form, the participation fee is the following:
 - citizens from EU **75 EUR**,
 - citizens outside EU **85 EUR**.

For every artist, the participation fee covers the exhibition in the Lokarjeva gallery, the catalogue, shipping and the return of the original watercolours by Slovenian post (Pošta Slovenije).

If the weight of your package together with the printed catalogue is more than 2 kg, the shipping cost is higher.

PAYMENT OF THE FEE:

You can either deposit on the bank account or send the participation fee on Paypal.

- For bank deposits, send the participation fee to the following bank account:

Name : LOKARJEVA GALERIJA

Address: Vilharjeva 38
5270 Ajdovščina
Slovenija

IBAN: SI56 0444 4000 3138 736

SWIFT: KBMASI2XXXX

Bank: Nova KBM

Bank address: Ulica Vita Kraigherja 4, 2000 Maribor

- For Paypal payment, send the **participation fee + 5 € of Paypal commission** on Paypal account lokarjeva.galerija@dlusp.si.

INSTRUCTION FOR SENDING THE ORIGINAL WATERCOLOURS:

- Send the original watercolour artwork only if your artwork has been selected for the exhibition and you have paid the participation fee.
- Deadline for sending the original watercolours from your country (at the post office, DHL, etc.) is May 6th.
- On the back side of every watercolour, you should attach the filled out form (Annex 1).

- You send the original watercolours to the following address (Annex 2):

Lokarjeva galerija
Vilharjeva 38
5270 Ajdovščina
Slovenia
- Apart from the original watercolours, you send the printed address to which we will send you back your artworks and the catalogue (Annex 3).
- Send the watercolours in such package that we can reuse it to send you back the watercolours and the catalogue.
- If you send original watercolours of different artists in one package, so will we send them back again.

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2021:

• April 16:	Deadline for sending the digital photo of your watercolours
• April 24:	Announcement of the selected artworks
• May 6:	Deadline for sending the original watercolours from your country (at the post office, DHL, etc.)
• June 10:	Deadline for paying the participation fee
• August 25 & 26:	International watercolour extempore in Vipavski Križ and Štanjel
• August 26:	Castra 2022 opening ceremony and award issuing
• October 7:	End of the exhibition
• November 30:	Deadline for sending back the original watercolours (this applies for the organisers)

AWARDS:

- By the end of June 2023, the professional art committee will select 5 awarded watercolours and 10 diplomas. They will be published on the website of Castra 2021 (<https://lokarjevagalerija.splet.arnes.si>), on IWS Slovenia and Lokarjeva gallery Facebook Fan Pages.

Awards:

- 1st award: 1500 €, granted by the Municipality of Ajdovščina
 - 3 sponsor awards: 600 € each
 - Solo exhibition in the gallery Lokarjeva galerija
- The awards are in **gross** price.
 - The awarded watercolours remain to the organizer.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- All exposed watercolours are on sale, but if you do not wish to sell the artworks, do not write the price.
- The catalogue of Castra 2023 (printed or digital) will be sent to the artists together with their original watercolours after the end of the exhibition, until November 30th.
- The Lokarjeva Gallery reserves the right to reproduce and exhibit any work accepted, for promotional or cultural purposes.
- Although all works will be handled with maximum care, the Lokarjeva Gallery will assume no responsibility for any damage or loss that may occur.
- The artworks will be sent back via Slovenian Post (Pošta Slovenije) or via private courier if the author requests so. In this case, the author should pay for the shipping.
- In case the package couldn't be delivered and if the artwork returns to the organizer. If the author requests the package to be sent back again, the gallery will do so after author covers the shipping costs.
- The works that do not adhere exactly to these rules will not be sent back.
- By sending your artwork and paying the participation fee you agree with the all above terms and conditions.

Annex 1

Please, fill in the following form, cut it out and attach it at the back of each watercolour painting.

Your dates will be used for sending you updates about Castra 2022 and for exposition invitations.

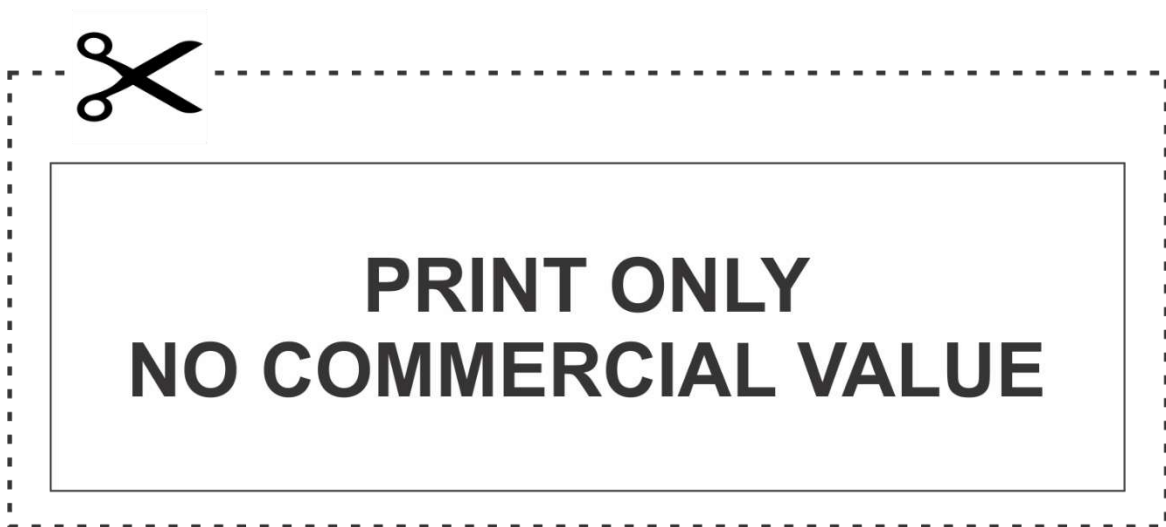
NAME	
SURNAME	
TYPE OF PARTICIPATION (underline or mark accordingly)	DIGITAL CATALOGUE PRINTED CATALOGUE
YOUR VALID ADDRESS TO WHICH WE WILL SEND YOU BACK THE WATERCOLOURS AND THE CATALOGUE	
E-MAIL	
TITLE	
SIZE	
YEAR	
PRICE	
TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER*	

* A Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) is an identifying number used for tax purposes in your country. It is needed to pay you off the award in case you won a financial award. If you do not have it, let us know before the exhibition.

Annex 2

An example of the envelope:

<p>From: John Smith Watercolour Street 1 11000 Waterland Waterland Country</p>	<p>To: Lokarjeva galerija Vilharjeva 38 5270 Ajdovščina Slovenia</p>
<p>PRINT ONLY NO COMMERCIAL VALUE</p>	



IMPORTANT:

If you are sending your artwork via DHL or any other international courier, do not write the value of the artwork in the declaration! You should better write the smallest amount (for example 10 €). If the artwork goes through customs, the gallery will not pay the importation fee and the artwork will be sent back.

Annex 3

Write your address on the computer (the font size should be big enough for the package), print it and send it along with your original watercolour.

We will use this address to send you back your watercolours.

Example:

Name and Surname
Street and Street Number
District / Region
Postal code and city
Country

This is just a precaution in order to avoid the return of your watercolours back to us once we send them off.